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Assembly Resolution No. 264

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CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of Dennis Stanley Hill, dairy farmer and maple producer, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Dennis S. Hill, an extraordinary man of indomitable faith and dedication whose purposeful life will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, A dairy farmer for over 40 years and maple producer for over 50 years, Dennis S. Hill of Harpersfield, New York, died on Monday, April 19, 2021, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Dennis S. Hill was born on November 27, 1940, to Betty and Sheldon Hill; after graduating from South Kortright Central School, he attended the State University of New York at Delhi; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1958, Dennis S. Hill went to work for Gaylord Shaver on the Shaver Farm; in 1961, he married the former Barbara Morse, and together, they raised two sons; in 1984, the couple purchased the farm and renamed it Shaver-Hill Farm; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2004, Dennis S. Hill sold the dairy business,

and transitioned into a full-time maple syrup operation with his two sons, Dwayne and David; later, they picked up a maple equipment dealership through the Leader Evaporator Company, with whom Dennis served on its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, An active and vital part of his community, Dennis S. Hill was a member of the Town of Harpersfield Historical Society and served on the town's Board for over 18 years; devoted to the environment and his profession, he was involved with the Fish and Wildlife Board, the Watershed Agricultural Council Board, New York Farm Bureau, New York State Maple Producers Association, Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, New York State Soil and Water Conservations, and the Colonel Harper Grange, Pomona Grange, New York State Grange, and National Grange; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of almost 50 years, Dennis S. Hill is survived by his two sons, Dwayne (Marylee) and David (Gloria); three grandchildren, Deidra, Damian and Ariel (Nick); his companion and friend, Dottie Collins Accurso; three sisters, Sharon Weigel, Shelia (Victor) Haslam and Diana (Harold) German; two brothers, Ronnie (Wendy) and Dean; several nieces and nephews; and his "Fresh Air son," Paul (Tina) Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and expertise in dairy farming and maple production, Dennis S. Hill truly brought pride and recognition to himself and his family, his local community, and to our great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dennis S. Hill leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dennis S. Hill, dairy farmer and maple producer, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Dennis S. Hill.